

Protest Committee Chair: Items for Discussion with RC & OA

- Authority and role of the Protest Committee
- Procedure for changes to the Sailing Instructions
 - Ask Race Committee Chair (usually PRO) to brief PC on their views and procedures
 - change of course
 - abandonment
 - rescue - course and patrol
 - communications
 - rule enforcement (protests) by race committee
 - sound signals and shapes
 - line bias
 - individual and general recalls (line boats, positioning, signaling, calling the line)
 - rounding order lists, protest flag location, and time recording;
 - starting penalties (rule 30)
 - marks and mark boats
 - which edge of cylinder marks called
 - preliminary results and scoring including rule 42 DSQ by PC
 - measurement controls (checking boats for required equipment and wet clothing after each race)
 - race committee presentation in OCS redress request
 - race committee representative at end of day to check with PC before leaving - and be available at least through protest time in case needed for a hearing
 - responsibility for posting time (and signals)
 - possible post-race meeting with principal race officer and/or race committee chairman
 - schedule meetings with team leaders/coaches
- Courses, marks, and course changes
- Signals, observation requirements
- Limitations on racing (conditions when racing should not be started or should be stopped)
- Communications, radio procedure, and protocol (especially private communications)
- PC equipment
- Protest hearings (locations, schedules, announcement procedures for decisions)
- Confirm logistics of PC transportation, expenses, etc.
- Confirm arrangements for meals in late evenings
- Agree whether, and if so to what extent, the PC are to be active on the water, and allocate activities and PC boats
- Discuss whether a competitors' briefing should take place, and if so, what form it should take; confirm all PC members will attend
- Agree to what extent there should be communication between the PC and team leaders and coaches
- Review opening ceremony participation by members of PC. Check that PC will still be available until after the prize-giving.